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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington DC 20554

RE: Title II and Net Neutrality

Dear FCC:

As a small business owner and a US citizen, I was dismayed to learn the FCC rule making was re-opened on the issue of net neutrality, and potential changes to the current legal framework governing same.

I write to oppose any changes to the current open internet rules, and encourage the FCC not to bend to the pressure of business interests under the current mantra of business self-regulation.

I am a long-time republican, and believe whole-heartedly in free enterprise. However, the business interests at stake have been licensed as a defect monopoly, including wireless, broadband, telephone, and fiber optic providers. The U.S. communications system is not a free enterprise which is open to competitors to enter and fairly compete.

There is no better example of where government regulation is both warranted and necessary than when our government licenses specific companies to provide infrastructure, and then allows those enterprises to charge U.S. consumers back for is essentially our own property (the airwaves and bandwidth).

As a rule-making body, the FCC should seek to protect the consumer first. Self-regulation of these major companies to govern themselves when their business interests are clearly aligned with potential for conflict and abuse should not allowed.

As a republican business person, I strongly encourage the FCC to refrain from changing the current framework, and to only take rule making action which strengthens the net neutrality doctrine in practice, and through penalty under the rules.

Respectfully,

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